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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 736 (Goschka)

Senate Bill 736 would require health care providers, when providing medical care or treatment to an inmate in a county jail, to make a reasonable effort to determine if that individual is covered by a health care policy, a certificate of insurance, or other source for the payment of medical expenses. If the provider determines that the inmate is a Medicaid recipient or has other coverage, then reimbursement would first be sought from that source before submitting expenses to the county. If the county sheriff is aware of coverage, that information would have to be given to the health care provider.

- **SB 736 ordered enrolled and given IE [no RC].**

SB 788 (Jelinek)

Senate Bill 788 would require a higher standard for the marking and lighting of farm equipment on highways than is currently required, making Michigan's highways safer for everyone. The standards would improve the recognition of slow-moving equipment, giving drivers time to slow down and take appropriate precautions. The standards would improve recognition both at night and during the day, with reflective markings and lights to improve night visibility, and fluorescent markings for daytime recognition. The standards also would improve the recognition of equipment over 12 feet wide by requiring lights and markings identifying the left and right extremities of the equipment. Uniform lighting and marking patterns would help other drivers readily to identify farm equipment on the highway. Just as standard road signs and standard passenger car lights make them more easily recognizable, the ANSI/SAE standards for lighting and marking implements of husbandry would improve recognition of those vehicles.

- **SB 788 ordered enrolled and given IE [no RC].**

GENERAL ORDERS

SB 728 (Hardiman)

Senate Bill 728 would amend Part 92 (Immunization) of the Public Health Code to do the following: Change the name of the Childhood Immunization Registry to the Michigan Care Improvement Registry, beginning on the bill's effective date. Require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to promulgate rules to implement the expansion of the Registry to include the reporting and recording of additional information, such as lead screening performed on children. Eliminate a provision requiring the DCH to use the Registry information only for immunization purposes, and to delete an individual's information from the Registry when he or she reaches age 20. Delete a requirement that a health professional other than a physician who administers an immunizing agent under a physician's direction be authorized by a local health department.

- Committee 1 was adopted.
- SB 728 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

HB 4670 (Newell)

House Bill 4670 would amend the Public Health Code to allow an individual who was retired from the active practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine, and who wished to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy individuals or individuals in medically underserved areas of the State, to obtain a special volunteer license to practice by submitting an application to the applicable board.

- Committee 1 was adopted.
- HB 4670 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

HB 5375 (Newell)

House Bill 5375 would amend the Public Health Code to provide for civil immunity for retired physicians who volunteered their services at a health facility or agency serving the medically indigent.

- HB 5375 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.